

## The State of New Hampshire

## Department of Environmental Services



## Michael P. Nolin Commissioner

February 3, 2006

## **LETTER OF DEFICIENCY #WSEB 06-026**Certified Mail #7099 3400 0003 6156 6016

Stephen Duprey
Northeast Community Development Group
70 Commercial St.
PO Box 1438
Concord, NH 03302-1438

Subject: Stewartstown - Public Water System: Northern View Apartments (EPA #2192020)

Dear Mr. Duprey:

The records of the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) show that the Northern View Apartments water system is classified as a public water system (PWS), as defined by RSA 485:1-a. A PWS is defined as any water system supplying 15 or more services, or 25 or more people for 60 or more days per year. As such, the water system owner is required to submit chemical samples according to the system's established Master Sampling Schedule to the State laboratory or a State-certified laboratory in compliance with NH Administrative Rules Env-Ws 326 & 327. Pursuant to Env-Ws 351, the failure to submit a chemical sample requires that public notice of such failure be given to all consumers.

DES records show that the subject water system failed to submit the following chemical sample results for the following monitoring period:

Quarter 3 2005 – Nitrate
– Synthetic Organic Compounds (SOC)

As a result of the failure to submit the above-described samples, a **Notice of Violation (NOV)**, dated **December 8, 2005** was sent to you. The NOV requested that you immediately submit the above-described samples as <u>make-up samples</u>. To date, DES has not received the make-up sample results, thus placing the water system in violation of Env-Ws 326 & 327.

DES believes the monitoring/reporting deficiencies can be addressed by taking the following actions:

1. By February 17, 2006, submit the Nitrate and SOC samples as "make-up samples" to the State laboratory or a State-certified laboratory. Please use the enclosed analysis result form when submitting the samples to your laboratory; and

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2. By February 17, 2006, provide public notice to the consumers, and submit proof of public notice to this office following the guidelines on the enclosed public notice handout.

In the event compliance is not achieved within this period, DES may initiate formal action against you, including issuing an order requiring the deficiencies to be corrected, initiating an administrative fine proceeding, and/or referring the matter to the NH Department of Justice for imposition of appropriate penalties.

Please note that submission of the 2005 Nitrate and SOC "make-up samples" does NOT relieve you of your obligation to submit a 2006 Nitrate sample during the Third Quarter and a SOC sample in Fourth Quarter (unless a waiver is granted). To assist you in complying with your monitoring requirements, a copy of your Master Sampling Schedule is enclosed.

The proof of public notice as requested above should be addressed as follows or faxed to (603) 271-5171:

Allyson Gourley
Department of Environmental Services
Water Supply Engineering Bureau
29 Hazen Drive, PO Box 95
Concord, NH 03302-0095

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Allyson at (603) 271-0655 or by email at agourley@des.state.nh.us.

Sincerely,

Sarah Pillsbury, P.G., Administrato

Water Supply Engineering Bureau

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Encl:

Analysis Request Form - make-up version

Public Notice Form Master Sampling Schedule

cc w/ encl(s): Jean Auger, Primary Operator

cc:

Gretchen R. Hamel, DES Legal Unit Administrator Franciose Madore, Stewartstown Health Officer

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